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The Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce wishes to express strong support for HB 5246, a bill that would allow for the creation of additional Smart Zones. This bill has the potential to formalize and expand Kettering University TechZone and other programs in Flint that are already positively impacting job creation through increased entrepreneurship and innovation.

TechZone is an informal partner in the Michigan SmartZone network. The approval of HB 5246 is expected to create the opportunity for this partnership to become more formal and for the City of Flint and numerous partners to access additional programs and resources for our growing audience of innovators in start-up and existing businesses.

Thank you for this opportunity to express support for expansion of the SmartZone program and its potential to increase innovation and entrepreneurial activity in our community.

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